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SUBJECT: WATER PIPE FROM A TUR TO SHARM EL SHEIKH

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 10
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2. QUOTE: THE LAYING OF A 100 KILOMETER WATER PIPE FROM
A TUR TO SHARM EL SHEIKH IS BEING COMPLETED. MEKOROT
CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL, WHO BEGAN CONSTRUC-
TION IN JULY OF LAST YEAR AT A TUR, ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
COMPLETING THE LAYING OF THE PIPELINE AT THE URBAN SETTLE-
MENT OF OPHIRA, AND WITHIN A SHORT TIME THE NEW PIPE WILL
BE OPERATING AND ITS WATER WILL SOLVE ALL THE WATER PROBLEMS
OF THE SHARM EL SHEIKH AREA.

3. THE WATER PIPE, WHOSE DIAMETER IS TEN INCHES, WILL
CARRY ANNUALLY A QUANTITY OF 1 1/2 MILLION CM OF WATER
TO SHARM EL SHEIKH FROM THREE DRILLSITES IN THE A TUR AREA
CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING 300 CM OF WATER PER HOUR.

4. THE A TUR WELLS WILL SUPPLY OPHIRA RESIDENTS WITH
WATER OF 90 MG CHLORINE PER LITER (COMPARED TO WATER OF
250 MG CHLORINE FOUND IN THE NATIONAL WATER CARRIER), AND WILL
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SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE COST OF WATER IN THE SOUTHERN-
MOST POINT IN ISRAEL.

5. UNTIL NOW, DESALINATED WATER HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO
THE AREA IN LIMITED QUANTITIES, WITH ITS COST BEING IL
18 PER CM. THE NEW PIPELINE WILL REDUCE COST TO ONLY
IL 5 PER CM.

6. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE PIPELINE IT WAS
DECIDED TO ALLOCATE A HALF MILLION CM OF WATER A YEAR
FOR AGRICULTURE IN SHARM EL SHEIKH -- FOR A MOSHAV OR
AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE -- WHOSE MEMBERS WILL LIVE
IN OPHIRA. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AGRICULTURE MINISTER
AHARON UZAN WILL DECIDE ON THE SITE OF THE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT
TO BE LOCATED AT A POINT BETWEEN OPHIRA AND THE GULF
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